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C. U. Schedules Annual Meeting Sunday - Feb. 12

Paul Tegeler, vice president of the Valley Employees Federal Credit Union has announced that the annual meeting of the organization will be held Sunday, February 12, at 1:30 P.M. at the Gateway Mall meeting room.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect officers whose terms expire and to give members a report of the past year's activity including the year end report of the treasurer, Gerald Sharp. Following the general meeting, members of the board of directors, including those newly elected to serve, will meet to organize the board for the year.

A movie of the last running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race will be shown at the meeting and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the business meeting. If you are a member of the Credit Union, mark the above date on your calendar and plan to attend this meeting to help select the officers who will be responsible for the operation of your credit union.

Gerald Sharp, treasurer, reports that 27 new members were added during the month of December and a total of 25 loans were made.

The loan committee regrets that there were a few loan applicants who could not be accommodated in December because additional loans would have lowered the credit union's cash balance below the minimum allowed.

TURNTABLE TO GO TO SERVICEMEN

If you know an employee who is on service leave with the Armed Forces and would like to receive the monthly copies of The TURNTABLE, we will be pleased to add his name to our mailing list.

Please give the serviceman's name, rank, and complete address to personnel. We'll appreciate being advised too of changes in servicemen's addresses.

You Should Know



JIM NICHOLS

You probably never heard of the Jim Nichols Orchestra, but at one time, back about 1955, it boasted 16 players and could split up and play three different engagements the same night.

Jim Nichols, Repack Foreman, retired from the road circuit after 10 years of a life he finally decided wasn't for him. He was on the road with his band from 1945 to 1955 and a musician for 25 years.

Jim's father was also a professional musician and started Jim in music at the age of eight. At age nine he was playing a string bass standing on a stool and using a special holder for the instrument. By the end of his music career Jim was able to play the sax, string bass, clarinet, drums, guitar, violin, some piano, mandolin, and banjo.

The road tours took the band into Tennessee, N. Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. The group was so popular that Jim had an offer to make movie musical shorts, but turned it down because he didn't want to take the chance of traveling to California and losing what he had built up for the band.

But Jim wasn't happy with the night life of an entertainer and so in 1955 he quit and moved here to 308 South Morton, Centerville, from his home in Tennessee.

He took a job with Belden, then Bucyrus-Erie, and finally with Mercury Record where he has been employed for five years.

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AVOID ERRORS ON TAX RETURN

As an aid to taxpayers filing their income tax returns, the Treasury Department has come up with a list of the most common errors found by the Internal Revenue Service on returns filed by taxpayers.

1. Incomplete address or incorrect social security number.
2. Failure to attach all W-2 forms (Earnings report).
3. Failure to check correct blocks indicating filing status.
4. Incorrect checking of blocks for personal exemptions or listing of dependents.
5. Incomplete listing of itemized deductions.
6. Listing income, deduction, or tax items on wrong lines.
7. Failure to sign the return.

Avoid the above errors and you'll save yourself and the Internal Revenue Service a lot of difficulty.

EARLHAM - I.U. CENTER ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

Registration for the spring semester of classes at The Eastern Indiana Center of Earlham College and Indiana University is scheduled for February 2, 3, and 4. Classes will begin February 6. See bulletin boards or check with personnel office for schedule of classes.

SMOTHERS BROTHERS BACK ON TELEVISION

The Smothers Brothers will return to television on the CBS network February 5 at 9 P.M. with a one hour comedy variety show. The Sunday night show follows Ed Sullivan who will make a guest appearance on their opener along with The Mamas and the Papas. The Anita Kerr Singers will be a permanent part of the show. The musical Part of the show will be directed by Nelson Riddle.

Set for guest appearances on future shows are Betty Davis, Jimmy Durante, George Burns and Jack Benny.

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CONTENTED COMMUTING

Some people simply should not commute more than a few miles daily, even a few blocks. These are persons of a highly nervous disposition with tendencies toward ulcers, colitis, etc.

But suppose you're an average man or woman. You like your work, but you also cherish your G-I financed retreat in suburbia or your picturesque shack in Poison Oak Canyon. So daily you motor between the two points.

Here, then, are a few pointers to ease the stress:

- Get an early start. This may seem too elemental to mention, but your peace of mind in knowing you have time to spare will sustain you through any jam. Allow yourself an extra 20 minutes or so on Monday mornings, when there seem to be an awful lot of extra motorists around.

- If you should unavoidably be made late, don't panic. Cool thinking can help a motorist make up considerable time here and there without endangering himself or others.

- Keep a dependable efficient car even if you must sacrifice elsewhere for it. Worry about parts of your auto which appear to be malfunctioning can be a great tension-causer.

- Make a check list of things you must do before leaving home and things you must take with you to eliminate gnawing concern.

- Use your car radio, which will warn you of congestion on your regular route so that you will have time to change your course. Incidentally, make a game of finding several good routes, with possible detours around problem intersections.

- Eat a good breakfast and keep something in the car for nibbling. Chewing gum will relax you.

- Cut out, as the saying goes, when you are behind the following: Old-model cars driven by old men with hats pulled over their ears; trucks of all kinds, particularly old trucks and small trucks hung with ladders, pails, etc.; autos driven by men with one hand while the other rests negligently on the back of the seat (they're not in a hurry); all kinds of long-type autos driven by

A New Year's Resolution

There are many technical problems in the production of records and record albums, but one of the most serious problems at our plant this past year had nothing to do with materials and machines. It was a "people" problem, namely absenteeism.

Average daily absenteeism of hourly employees was about 6 per cent of the work force and on one day ran up to 14 per cent.

Wages lost by hourly employees absent from work during 1966 exceed an estimated \$100,000. This figure does not include wages lost for Saturday and Sunday work or because of bad weather. It does include excused and unexcused absences resulting in lost wages.

Employees are scheduled to work because their services are needed to achieve the production requirements. When employees are absent it is often impossible to meet the production goals.

It is understandable that absence cannot always be avoided, but employees should realize that absences affect wages and vacation bonuses, and unexcused absences jeopardize job security.

Why not include among your New Year's resolutions a resolve to be on the job every day you are scheduled to work whenever it is possible for you to do so. Eliminate loss of wages caused by your being absent on days when you have no reasonable excuse for absence.



STEVE

GARY

GREGG

The trio above known as "Gary and The Hornets" is one of the newest groups recording on SMASH label. Their first record "Hi Hi Hazel" looks like a winner.

Probably the most unusual thing about the group is their ages. Gary is 13, Gregg 11, and Steve 6. Gary plays lead guitar and sings lead on the vocals. Gregg plays organ, rhythm guitar, trumpet, and sings harmony. Steve, currently in second grade, backs up the group on the drums.

The group seems destined to fame. They have already made appearances with such famed groups as: The 4 Seasons, The Mommas and Papas, and Jay and the Americans.

a woman, particularly if she is smoking; any car containing two or more people who are talking.

As we said, cut out, and go on your contentedly commuting way.

SMOKE VS. SMOOCH

He man: "Aren't you afraid to go through that dark tunnel with me?" She-sweet: "Not if you'll take that pipe out of your mouth."

STAND CLEAR!

A recent accident experience proves that it is advisable for employees to stay clear of material handling trucks and jacks. An injury was caused by falling boxes of records striking an employee on the back of the leg.

Employees should keep clear of material handling equipment whenever possible, especially while the load is being elevated or it is in motion.

Material handlers should take care to stack loads correctly and use straps to secure the load when use of the strap will stabilize the load.

Material handling equipment not in use should be placed out of aisles and traffic areas so it will not be a stumbling hazard.

Skids should be stored flat and neatly stacked out of aisleways so there is no danger of their falling and causing an injury.

Employees who work near skids should always walk around them and not try to take short-cuts by attempting to step over them. You'll save skinned ankles, possible bruises, abrasions, and splinters.

Remember accidents do not just happen. They are caused to happen by an unsafe condition or act. Hundreds, thousands, of skid-loads of records are handled safely every year, then suddenly one move involves an accident. Somebody did something wrong. Let's look for the right way-the safe way to do the job.

Birthdays

Injection 2nd: Jack Starn, Jan. 4 and Fannie Ward, Jan. 26.

Production Control: Barbara Jones Jan. 6.

Compression 2nd: Jack Henderson, Jan. 9; Lila Patton Jan. 31; Anna Alan, Jan. 31 and Pauline Griffin, Jan. 26.

Labels: Ruth Hudson, Jan. 3 and Mavis Bishop, Jan. 7.

Inspection 3rd: Dorothy Moore, Jan. 5; Ruth Atwell, Jan. 23.

Compression: Belated greetings to Lou Pruitt, Dec. 16; Lindsay Walker, Dec. 16; and Rose Smith, Dec. 26.

Injection 3rd: Claude Mullins, Dec. 8.

Compression 1st: Marcella Jackson, Jan. 6; Ronnie Burdett, Jan. 10; Everett Callahan, Jan. 18; Shirlee King, Jan. 19; Della Quick, Jan. 28.



The food was fast disappearing in the Cafeteria as this picture was taken of Compression employees helping themselves to the Christmas buffet.

Starting at the left, employees are: Carol Handley, Jane Bunker, Ines Estridge, Lola Preston, Sandy Mullens, Jim DeLong, Georgia Pruitt, and Ima Brown.

Anniversaries

Injection 2nd: Alberta Hale, 11 years, Jan. 7 and Ernestine Robinson, 13 years, Jan. 9.

Compression: Estes Denton, 20 years, Jan. 13; Ruth Odell, 12 years, Jan. 15.

Inspection 3rd: Ruth Pennington, Dec. 22; Levenda Mason, Dec. 25.

Compression 1st: Marie Roszell 31 years, Jan. 1; Keith Burns 16 years, Jan. 6; Julia McFarland 1 year, Jan. 10.

LABELS

..... Ruby Ward

The Labels Dept. employees enjoyed a Christmas Dinner in the department December 22, ham with all the trimmings. They also had a gift exchange.

Ruth Hudson's daughter was home for the holidays. She is attending a beauty school in Indianapolis.

Carol Snow's husband John was recently home on leave. He reported back to Fort Devens, Mass., for A.I.T. training.

Following is news from 3rd shifts turned in by Marcella Johnson.

ALBUMS - New employees recently hired are: Tracie Fultz, Sue Hill, Nannie Teague, Naomi Preston, Sondra Olinger, Sally Hamilton, Rosalie Pierson, Anna Umbstead, and Theresa L. Ramey. It is reported that as a Machine Tender Jim Jewitt is fast becoming an expert.

INJECTION - New employees include Shirley Whallon, Leah Maxwell, Betty Brush, Jennifer Harrison, Leonard Fields, and Kenneth Grimes.

COMPRESSION - New employees are: Lindsay Walker, Beatrice Walker, Emma Johnson, and Lynn White.

INSPECTION - New employees are: Sarah Williamson, Mary Crandall, Lavenda Mason, Malinda Lakes, Mary Weeks, Mary Bennett, Ruth Atwell, Karen Webb, Jo Ann Smith, Charles Maker, and Jerry Shields.

INCREASE DEDUCTION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

January 1 there will be another change made in the deductions from your paycheck. The deduction for Social Security-Medicare will be increased from 4.2 to 4.4 per cent. This is payable on the first \$6,600 earnings earned during the year.

Your employer's contribution will also be increased a like amount. Thus a total of 8.8 per cent of the taxable amount of the payroll goes to the government for Social Security-Medicare benefits.

This amounts to a maximum deduction from employee's paychecks of \$290.40 for the year which if added to the amount paid by the employer makes a total of \$580.80 paid for the year by employee and employer together.

RECORD REVIEWER SEES RECORDS MADE

W. Bruce George, New York Life Insurance Agent, and son Tyler, Troy, Ohio, were given a quickie tour of the plant December 27. Mr. George writes a record review column as a hobby.

His column "By George" appears weekly in The Troy Daily News and the Northwest Signal (Napoleon, Ohio.) The column has also appeared in the New Carlisle Sun and the Port Clinton Daily News.

His 9 years of writing the column have made him a number of friends in the record business. He reviews the records after playing them on his Hi-Fi equipment which is the ultimate in listening quality. He is very candid in his reviews and if a new number lacks something in quality or listenability, he so advises his readers. On the other hand, he is just as likely to respond with praise when a release, in his opinion, deserves a good rating.

INJECTION 2nd

..... Ernestine Robinson

Ernestine Robinson entertained her brother-in-law Sgt. S. H. Robinson and his family at Christmas dinner. He reports back to Ft. Knox for 6 weeks special training and has orders for duty in Viet Nam.

Ersley Herron and family enjoyed Christmas dinner with her parents in Cincinnati.

Josephine Wysong has announced the engagement of her daughter Carol to Terry Plankenhorn of New Westville, Ohio.

Betty Jean Boldrey's daughter Doris Jean and husband of Laurel, Maryland, spent the Christmas holidays with the Boldreys.

Glenna Estridge is wearing a diamond ring, the gift of Charles Van Sickle, Matrix.

Glenna Estridge's brother Ricky was home from Naval service over the holidays. He reports back to Memphis. He is the son of Ed Estridge, foreman in Matrix.

Josephine Wysong's son Robert and wife of Columbus, Ohio, spent Christmas with the Wysongs.

Jack Miller, in Army service at Ft. Knox, spent Christmas with his mother Edith Miller and family. He recently completed his course of training and was awarded his company's proficiency trophy. He re-



We caught up with Santa Claus (Janet Petry) in the Engineering Dept. December 22 handing Hasmukh Swadia, Jr. Project Engineer, a candy cane.

ports back to Camp Polk, La.

Earsley Herron's son Danny has returned home after a stay in the hospital following an accident at his place of work. He suffered a foot injury.

Ruth Thurman believes she received one of the best Christmas presents a girl can get. Her husband remodeled her kitchen and living room. The work included a built-in bookcase and china cupboard.

Joyce White had a birthday party for her daughter's 11th birthday Dec. 19.

COMPRESSION 2nd

..... Mary Smith

"How lucky can you be?" Perhaps as lucky as Judy Bodiker who won the color television set recently given away by a local store. Her name was drawn from thousands of entries.

Jean Berry is the proud aunt of a baby boy, Robbie Gene Jordon, born December 4 and weighing 8 lb. 3 oz. Father is Bobbie Gene Jordon a former Mercury employee. Santa Claus outdid himself when he bought Anna Alan a new car for Christmas.

Mary Smith's stepmother, Mrs. Myrtle Davis, passed away December 20. She lived at Corydon, Indiana.

Beulah Ratliff's son Leslie was home on a 15 day furlough over Christmas. He returns to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

JIM NICHOLS

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Jim feels a strong responsibility toward youth and to help them to establish good habits and attitudes. For this reason he has been active in youth work in his community. At the First Baptist Church Jim has taught the high school class served as Superintendent and assisted with the youth group. He lends a hand with scouts. He's manager of a Little League baseball team and has helped with Gray-Y basketball and baseball teams.

Other positions he has held in his church include membership on the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees, director of music, and president of the mens' club. He is also currently serving as an advisor to one of the Junior Achievement Companies. In his spare time, if any, he is active in other community affairs.

In 1947 Jim married Eva Schrimsher of Spartanburg, S. Carolina. The couple have two sons, Larry, 19, employed here in D. J., and Jerry, 10.

Larry plays guitar with a rock group known as Nick and the Nomads. Jerry plays drums and has taken piano lessons. Jim still plays the sax so it's possible for him to some day have his own family combo, although it will have to be strictly for fun. Jim's through with music as a career.

We believe Mr. Nichols is to be congratulated for his community spirit and for his efforts to help youth to become good citizens.

SICK JOKE

Doctor: "Here's my bill for services. You can pay \$100 down and \$25 a week for the next 15 weeks.

Patient: "Sounds like buying an automobile."

Doctor: "I am."

Second shift employees had a Christmas pitch-in supper and gift exchange December 22. Barbara Sampley's grandmother, Rose Sampley, passed away December 26.

Linda Bowling, Press Operator on maternity leave, is the mother of a baby girl, Tamara Renee, born December 9.

NEW DEFINITIONS

Mayme Spurgeon, tester, spotted these definitions for us. We think you'll find them interesting, but you probably won't need to add them to your vocabulary.

Awe - a mouth opener.

Bosom buddy - a girl friend

Calisthenics - getting out of bed in the morning

Dogma - a puppy's mother

Embarrassment - the result of wearing a hospital gown

Flea - passenger on a greyhound

Girdle - the destiny that shapes our ends

Humbug - a musical insect

Illegal - sick bird

Jonah - a whale of a story

Kleptomaniac - someone who shops without a charge plate.

Locomotion - latest dance craze

Marigold - what every girl one day dreams of doing

Overbearing - having quintuplets

Peeping Tom - a window fan

Queen Bee - the power behind the drone

Rag - a dress that has been worn more than once.

Skunk - a pussy cat that is only 'half-safe.'

Thick - not feeling the well

Medical Self-Help Instruction Course Offered - Free

Paul Bryson, Sr. Chemical Engineer, who has been active in Civil Defense operations advises that a free Medical Self-Help course is being offered by Wayne County Civil Defense and the American Red Cross.

The course includes 16 hours of instruction in Medical Self-Help measures. Instruction will be given starting Jan. 9 from 7 to 9 P.M. in the Red Cross Chapter House at 19 North 13 St., Richmond.

For persons now holding an American Red Cross First Aid card issued within the last 2 years or a Home Nursing Instructors card, a six hour course will be offered starting Jan. 16 from 7 to 9 P.M. at the same location.

For information contact Paul Bryson in Matrix or call the Civil Defense Office 962-4305 or Red Cross office 962-9508



Part of the Inspection Dept. employees are pictured here with their Christmas exchange gifts.

Left to right, rear, are: Harold Williams, general foreman; Jenifer Purvis, Cleamon Day, Marie Ramsey, Betty Ketron, Ruth Petry, Candy Stover, and Ethyl Anderson.

Seated are: (left to right) Peggy Doerlein, Pat Sanders, Laverne Reidenbach, and Joy Marsh. Bill Isaacs is in back of Peggy.

Nov. Injuries Total 75

A lost time accident in which an employee lost part of a finger was the most serious accident in November. The employee caught his finger in a piece of machinery where a guard had been removed and not replaced.

Several safety rules were violated in the above accident. Machine guards should always be replaced after repairs. Employees should shut machinery down for adjustments, repairs, or cleaning whenever it is possible to do so if there is danger of injury when performing work on the equipment while in motion.

Another employee received a cut finger requiring stitches when a machine was tripped while employee's hand was under a cutting knife on the machine.

An employee's hand was injured when a grinder threw a piece of plastic material against his hand. One employee received a tetanus shot after stepping on a loose nail. Two employees were treated to remove foreign material from eyes.

All of the above cases required a doctor's care. There were 69 additional cases treated in first-aid making a total of 75 for the month of November.

These included 7 splinter cases; 31 small cuts from paper, plates, and miscellaneous cuts; 5 heat burns, and a number of others.

Several of the burn cases were caused by steam pipes when employees accidentally got against them. These incidents happen most frequently in the Compression Dept. where steam is used to heat the molds in the presses.

Employees need to remain constantly alert to avoid accidents. Avoid overconfidence, you might have done the same job a hundred times before and then receive an injury the next time because you relax your safety precautions.

P.F.C. Clayton Maxwell, former Shipping employee, is now serving with the U.S. Army as a radio-teletype operator assigned to Command Headquarters Company near Saigon, Viet Nam.

FIGURES NEVER LIE

Take your age, multiply by 2 and add 5. Multiply the sum by 50, subtract 365, add the loose change in your pocket under one dollar and add 115.

The first two figures in the answer are your age and the last two are the change in your pocket.

Now what you do with this valuable bit of mathematical information is entirely up to you.

TAPE BUSINESS IS INCREASING



JIM JOHNSON

One of the newest Mercury lines is the tape cartridge. Jim Johnson, above, spends most of his working time expediting the various actions necessary to insure that the latest releases are produced and made available for shipment.

Jim has been working in this area since March 1966 when the first tapes were released. He started here in December 1965 when he was employed in the Accounting Department. Jim provided most of the information for this article so our readers could have some idea about what is going on in this new product line.

A great push was given the pre-recorded tape market when recorders were built for automobiles to play tapes. Home tape cartridge players

are also now available which will play the auto tape cartridges. Mercury expects to soon have a tape player available which has been developed for use both in the car and in the home.

William Montgomery, Materials Manager, believes that Mercury is in an excellent position to take full advantage of the tape cartridge market because Mercury is the only company now marketing all three types of tape cartridges: 8 track, 4 track, and the Philips cassette. He feels that no matter toward which system the market may eventually swing, Mercury will be one step ahead.

Mercury cartridges are assembled and recorded by Dubbings Electronics, New York.

During 3 weeks of December a total of approximately 60,000 cartridges were shipped. Prior to the Christmas rush shipments, according to Johnson, were running about 12,000 tapes per week. In August of this year shipments were running about 5,000 tapes weekly. This gives some idea of the increase in sales over a rather short period.

An inventory of about 70,000 cartridges is currently maintained to fill orders for shipment. A special area has been constructed in the warehouses to store the tapes. With more and more cars being equipped with tape players and with players available for the home, it appears that the market for pre-recorded tapes will continue to expand.

A great deal of clerical work is involved in maintaining inventory records, placing orders for cartridges, backordering, ordering the printed materials, etc. Jim is assisted in this type of work by Eva La-mott, Production Control.

planned visit to Maryville, Tenn., to see J.R.'s parents.

New employees in the department are Irma McDaniel and Ethel Greenway.

Gaylord Lynn's brother and family visited with the Lynns on Christmas Day.

Ethel Greenway celebrated her birthday on Christmas Day.

Zinna Gates was called to Monticello, Ky., December 17 because of the death of her grandmother.

Betty Walters has enjoyed a Christmas visit from her son who was home from Fort Knox.



JOHNNY MATHIS

Johnny Mathis, talented, popular, Mercury recording star might have been a physical education teacher had it not been for several chance happenings which lead him to show business and stardom.

On one of these occasions he was hired to sing at a local club for the summer and on another he was singing at an informal Sunday afternoon jam session and was heard by a New York record talent scout who was so impressed he signed Mathis to a contract.

Johnny says that he much prefers concert performances to the night club appearances because he has more control over the success of a concert while much depends on chance in a night club appearance. He explains that people coming to the concerts do so to hear the artist while people attending the clubs do so to celebrate, drink, have a night on the town, or for some other reason than to hear the performer. His first record, "Wonderful, Wonderful" immediately became a national hit and it was closely followed by "It's Not For Me to Say" and "Chances Are". All three numbers each sold over one-million records. One of his later successes is "The Shadow of Your Smile."

Johnny has made the change from teen-age idol to international star without compromising his integrity as a performer. He remains committed to material that is tasteful as opposed to that which is purely commercial. He treats his audiences with respect and his audiences likewise seem to respect Johnny as a performer.

BRAVO!

One of the unsung heroes of business is the man who invented girl secretaries.

PRODUCTION CONTROL

..... Ruth Ann Seffrin

Dave Neckar, Production Control Manager, and his wife, Marilynn, entertained with a Christmas Party at their home December 17 for Production Control personnel.

The Production Control Department held its Christmas Dinner and gift exchange December 23.

Marge Romain, Richmond, became engaged to Jim Johnson, Tape Product Supervisor, Production Control Department, on December 16. Miss Romain is employed by the First National Bank, Richmond. A June wedding is being planned.

Janet Scheerle, Freight & Billing Clerk, Traffic Department, spent the Christmas holidays in Connecticut visiting her brother.

Marlene Brattain, Order Control Section, Production Control Department, enjoyed the holidays in Florida where she visited her family and friends.

Ruth Ann Clawson, Secretary to Materials Manager, Production Control Department, became the bride of Timothy Seffrin, Hagerstown, December 31. The wedding took place at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Cambridge City. Mr. Seffrin is presently employed in the Purchasing Department, Controls Division, Perfect Circle, Hagerstown. Following a trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, the couple will reside in Hagerstown.

Phyllis Null, Order Control Dept., resigned December 30 for other employment.

Frank Hamilton recently joined the Production Control staff. He is working under Dick Myers as Production Control Expediter.

Barbara Jones has transferred from the Shipping Department to the Production Control Department.

DISC JOCKEY

..... Carolyn Patterson

Naomi Tanner's father, Ansil Burris, age 70, Liberty, died Dec. 17.

Florence Derago has returned home after surgery on Dec. 21. She is getting along very well and hopes to be back to work soon.

The department enjoyed Christmas dinner and a gift exchange on Dec. 14 at Howard Johnson's Restaurant.

If you can buy it for a song - sing!



In the Repack Department Santa visited with (left to right): Lois Johns, Gloria Green, Bonnie Hoskins, and Elizabeth Schwab.

Santa Claus Visits Plant

Santa Claus made early rounds Thursday, December 22, at the plant and found many of the employees eating smorgasbord type meals and exchanging gifts.

Shipping Dept. joined in the festivities with a dinner and gift exchange in their Dept.

Compression, Matrix, and Testing employees enjoyed their pitch-in smorgasbord in the Cafeteria.

Labels Department employees served up a meal in the department. Albums and Die Cutting employees met together for dinner. Repack employees had their own food layout as did Inspection employees. Injection Department employees also enjoyed a dinner served in the department.

Friday, December 23, pitch-in dinners were held by the Accounting, Data Processing, and Production Control Departments. The Data Processing and Production Control Departments also had gift exchanges.

Janet Petry, Repack Dept., played Santa Claus, complete with beard and carrying the traditional pack. She distributed candy canes wherever she visited.

Have you started your 1967 Christmas savings account? Why not start one now with your credit union.

SHIPPING 1st

..... Jane Harrison

Employees in the department had a Christmas dinner and gift exchange December 22. Ty Berry and Jerry Haynes received unusual gifts, matching hand engraved, Chandi finished cigarette lighters and ash trays made in India.

Still full of holiday spirit as they returned to work after Christmas the employees exchanged news of gifts they received. Bertha Scarette was wearing a new wedding band studded with the birthstones of members of her family. Marlene Anderson reported she received a portable color television for her bedroom. Many employees received new clothing and jewelry.

Louis Caldwell worked for two weeks while on vacation from college. He is son of Dave Caldwell and was previously employed here. We extend to him congratulations on his marriage.

Barbara Jones is now working in the Production Control Department. Ladonna Miller has become engaged to Herman Michael of West Manchester, Ohio. He is employed by Delco in Dayton.

We welcome Allan Prather who has recently joined the department as foreman and also Patricia Sanders who transferred from the Inspection Department.

Dorothy Kachinsky, Order Service Supervisor, entertained her sons Kenneth and Edward and their families at her home over the New Year weekend.

Changing Scenes

New to the Production Department, where he started as an Expediter December 5, is Frank Hamilton. Robert Adams has transferred to Stock Room Attendant, Maintenance Department.

Les Cornelison has transferred to Receiving Clerk Purchasing Department.

Ray Keffer, formerly an hourly employee in the Machine Shop, is now a Draftsman in Engineering Department.

Lois Shipley has moved from Purchasing Department to the Accounting Department where she is Secretary to the Controller.

Sherrill Seibert has been added to the Personnel Department as Personnel Clerk. She started here December 6.

Diana Kaye Miller began work here December 12 as Purchasing Secretary.

Carol Ann Rayborn started as Clerk Typist in the Repack Department December 12.

Allen Prather, formerly an hourly employee accepted a position as Foreman in Shipping starting December 19.

Patricia R. Orschell is a new Keypunch operator in Data Processing. She started here December 27.

MATRIX

..... Dave Robertson

Wayne Karanovich and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cargull of Cleveland during the Christmas holiday.

Most of the Matrix employees celebrated Christmas Friday, December 23, with a party at the Step-In Tavern.

Robert Minton's sister, Mrs. Sylvia Meyers, has been visiting with the Mintons during the holidays.

LEAGUE LEADERS

Dave Robertson, Tom Stevens and Junior Fellers, bowling with the Lehr Equipment Team in the 10 team American Lanes League are currently leading the league.

The team is made up of five members. Other two members are Paul Bowman and Don Hittle, not employees of Mercury.



Pat Pence, left, took a maternity leave starting December 30. Girls in the department gave her a high chair and two sweater sets for the baby along with their well-wishes. Pat has been employed at Mercury for over six years.

Wathalean Yarnelli, right, made the gift presentation.

COMPRESSION 1st

..... Mayme Spurgeon

If you want to see Sara Shafer's eyes light up with pride, ask her about the first grandchild, little Anthony Rayborn Dec. 9th to Sara's daughter.

Lola Preston spent Dec. 10th weekend at her parent's home in Corbin, Ky., where they celebrated her father's 82nd birthday. All of Lola's brothers and sisters were present. Her brother in the U. S. Air Force left Dec. 20th for duty in Thailand.

If you enjoyed seeing Glenna and David Parker on the "Rising Generation" television show Dec. 3rd, let the station WHIO, Channel 7, know you would like to see them again by sending a postcard.

Sorry we didn't get to see Woody, but I hear he is a little bashful. Maybe, next time.

Judy Blower with her husband and small daughter traveled to Pittsburgh, Pa., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Bertha Browning is spending a few weeks at home with a leg in a cast after an accident at work. Christmas arrived a little late at Margaret Jones' house. Her son L. Cpl. Estil Jones is home on leave from Yuma, Ariz.. Margaret had her family dinner and gift exchange on New Years Day.

EMPLOYEES ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Approximately 225 persons attended the salaried employees Christmas party December 10 at the Gateway Mall party room. The group enjoyed a buffet dinner with music and dancing later in the evening.

Master of Ceremonies Dave Neckar was "unusual" in this role. With the help of the game committee he presented the door prizes. Prizes were won by Lois Shipley, Paul Gillum, Dorothy DeHart, Dorthea Fay Clawson, and Charles Arnold.

"Just for fun" prizes were given to: Ty Berry, Al Ward, Ruth Ann Clawson, Carol Norton, Parke Hoover, George Roebuck, Bill Hakes, Dean Sherman, Everett Burns, Bill Eilar, Sue Cabaniss, and Dick Myers.

Lloyd R. Shaw, plant manager, spoke briefly before the group. He thanked them for their cooperation in helping the company to grow.

Mr. Shaw announced that a Retirement Program for salaried employees will go into effect January 1 and that a service club is to be started for all employees who have been with the company 5 years or more.

Speaking about growth of the plant, Mr. Shaw stated that September 1966 was the highest volume month in the history of the plant. He explained that the company has grown at the rate of about 20 per cent per year. He said that the company continues to seek new products.

In closing he extended seasons greetings to all.

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..... Lucille Fister

Bob Kennedy and his family spent a few days in Florida so that they might visit with Mike Kennedy who is on leave from service in Formosa. Mike is Bob's brother and an employee of the printing department on military leave.

Bill Hakes, along with Ed Lewis and Bill Eilar, are attending the 14 week Dale Carnegie Course which is held each week at the YMCA. The course deals principally with Human Relations and Public Speaking.

New Years greetings to all from everyone in Camera and Printing Departments.